

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**NORTHWEST PORT CHARLOTTE WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**October 10, 2013 – Regular Meeting**  
**2:00 p.m. - Building Construction Services Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Joseph Fabini, Richard Hopkins and Ron Larrivee

**Absent:** Robert Olson Jr. (unexcused)

**County:** Chuck Mopps, Judith Nothdurft, and Sandy Wright

**Guests:** Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m. with a roll call establishing a quorum is present.

Mr. Hopkins announced that this will be his last meeting; he is relocating and resigning his membership on the committee. The Committee member terms were reviewed.

The minutes from the April 30, 2013 were unanimously approved as written.

**Public Input:**

- Mr. Pilikian suggested that the Committee and Public Works take a more active role in the future by doing a mail out to ensure all residents know that private dockside dredging is available to them. Mr. Mopps explained that the County does not get involved in dockside dredging in any way. A private agreement for dockside dredging is between the property owner and the contractor; property owners must contact the contractor directly to secure an agreement. No dockside dredging is allowed before the County's project is complete to ensure contractual time lines are not impeded. There have been a few residents express an interest in the private dredging. The Committee stated they did not think it is appropriate to use MSBU funding to announce the availability of private dredging service.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Dredging Project – Mr. Mopps from the Engineering Department reported the dredging is done through the end of the Apollo Waterway (inside) to the "Y" intersection of the channels on the plans. One barge will dredge down the access channel to provide access to the Venus and Cheshire Waterways. There will be a second barge continuously dredging out to the end of the main access channel. There have been several project delays due to the rains. The Division of Aquaculture was notified that an extension of time for closure of the shellfish harvest area will be submitted. Extensions that are justifiable are acceptable. Two extensions will be needed: 1) the contract will be extended approximately 30 days and 2) the shellfish harvest area closure will be extended approximately 30-60 days. Also, the spoils have been difficult to manage due to the amount of rain. The contractor is trying to locate a closer spoil site to save on transport time. The original completion date for the project was the middle of January.

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- Pepper Trees – Mr. Larrivee went to the Environmental Department regarding the pepper trees growing into the canals and was told to call Public Works. Mr. Mopps stated that the next dredging project could include vegetation removal in the contract however it is too late to ask for it now.
- Approved Budgets – The FY2013/2014 and FY2014/2015 budgets were approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Copies were distributed to the members.

**New Business:**

- Activity Report – No questions at this time.
- Sunshine Law – A Sunshine Law handout was distributed and discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Submitted by:



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